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Dear Coworkers:

Christmas is different. It is unique among the eight or nine holidays that we observe nationally each year. In fact, you might say it is the only true "holy day" recognized by law for nationwide attention. Of course, we individually observe and respect other religious days throughout the year, too. And every American would do well to study and know about them.

Christmas, however, is different. Custom and culture have made it a time for universal good feeling, loving and sharing. The Great Leader showed us how. He demonstrated the way. He opened the door. But we must personally cross the threshold. We must do it to feel it. We must have it before we can share it and give it away.

The Heart "H" of 4-H Club work is one way of symbolizing all of the feelings and dedications that glow within us at Christmas. It is our way of saying let's hang sleigh bells and sing carols every month. Let's praise and glorify the good in people at any season. Above all, let's walk with our fellow-man along the path of righteousness every day.



NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK - 1958

This year, the Division of Information Programs, the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, the National 4-H Club Foundation, and our office, have been working toward coordinating the information, publicity and materials provided for National 4-H Club Week. You have been provided the opportunity to furnish kits of information materials to each county office through your distribution officers. In fact, four special kits are being prepared--a kit for county extension workers; State extension workers; radio, press and TV contacts; and for donors and other friends of 4-H Club work.

The highlight of the week will be "A 4-H Salute to Parents." Since you know this at an early date, we know that you can work toward giving emphasis to parents during National 4-H Club Week. Here is an opportunity for more adult work on parental education and its relation in 4-H Club work.

RURAL YOUTH LEADERS OF THE AMERICAS

One of the results of the youth conference in San Jose, Costa Rica, was the formation by the country chairmen of a professional youth leaders group for the Americas. This is an outgrowth of the Ecuadorian conference of a year ago when a committee was appointed to study the possibility.

In attendance at the South American meeting were more than 100 delegates and observers from 19 countries. Ken Anderson assisted with both the workshop in Costa Rica and the earlier one in Ecuador.

ENDORSEMENTS OF PROGRAMS OR EVENTS FROM THIS OFFICE

It has been called to our attention that it may sometimes be confusing to know whether this office or the Extension Subcommittee on 4-H Club Work is endorsing, advising, or actually recommending against a particular activity or program which may come to your attention. Perhaps the three categories of recommendation listed below may be helpful in clarifying our procedures and recommendations to you in this regard:

1. Certain programs will be reviewed, studied, and recommended for your considered approval. In this case we would give lists of State 4-H Club leaders to the requesting cooperators and you would be correct in assuming that the particular program has endorsement and approval from here and/or the 4-H Subcommittee.
2. In some cases where there is either no direct line interest or responsibility, or where the program may be of a questionable nature, we may feel that the organization or individual requesting our help should be privileged to contact each State individually on an invitational basis but state that it would

be unwise or improper for us to give a firm endorsement. In this case we would advise and help the group or concern to contact you directly but explain that it would be strictly invitational on your part.

3. In a few cases it may be necessary for us to completely disapprove or recommend against cooperation with a particular program or activity. In this event we would provide the requesting group with no information, mailing lists, etc. In some cases we may alert you in advance to the particular concern involved.

RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR EARLY EXTENSION SERVICE

Recently, your State Extension Director has been alerted to a new Civil Service communique advising as follows:

"For Civil Service retirement and related purposes, credit shall be allowed for a period of service under the Federal Extension Service, Department of Agriculture, during which the individual performed Federal functions under a Federal-State cooperative agreement, was under Federal supervision, and was named in a plan of work and budget document formally approved, before January 1, 1945, by the Extension Service."

Interpretations of eligibility under this new broadened provision are not yet available but you will want to be in touch with your Director's office on this subject and be ready with assistance in the matter of advising early workers in Extension who may have retired without the advantage of such credit provisions.

PENALTY MAILING PRIVILEGES

Penalty mailing regulations are now revised to include some important new relaxations in penalty mailing privileges recently released by the Post Office Department. These were transmitted to your State extension director on October 9 in a pink letter under Mr. Schruben's signature. A number of these regulations will be especially important to L-H. If you have not seen the new publication, "The Use of the Federal Penalty Mailing Privilege by Cooperative Extension Employees," issued 1957, we commend it to your attention for careful study.

FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN WITH BANKERS

Recently, the National 4-H Club Foundation sent to State leaders a plastic desk paperweight with a 4-H emblem suggesting that it be presented to the State Bank Chairman. As you well know, the banks throughout the United States have been most supportive and cooperative with 4-H Club work. A similar recognition was made to Jesse W. Tapp at a meeting about a year ago in St. Louis. Mr. Tapp is Chairman of the Board of the Bank of America. It is impossible to overestimate the effectiveness of this kind of recognition.

MARYLAND SCORES IN DAIRY JUDGING

Maryland, Michigan, Washington--in that order--were the high teams at the 4-H dairy judging event in Waterloo, Iowa, September 30. The invitation to enter the competition at the Royal Dairy Show in England goes to the team that scores tops at Waterloo. Maryland has represented the United States ten times in the international dairy judging and has taken the international championship five times.

REGIONAL TRACTOR OPERATOR CONTEST

Two regional contests were held this year. This is the tenth year in which the Eastern Operators Contest has been held in Richmond. Twenty States reaching from Massachusetts to Florida and as far west as Arkansas participated in the Richmond contest this year. Maryland was the winning State. An educational tour to Yorktown, Williamsburg, and Jamestown was a part of the contest activities. For the first time a Mid-West Central States 4-H Operators Contest was held. This was at Hutchinson, Kans. Twelve States participated. They were North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Missouri, Oklahoma, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

34TH CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Our Division was represented by Tena Bishop at the 34th Convention of the National Council of the Girl Scouts of America in Philadelphia in November. There are now three million Girl Scouts and volunteer leaders. Membership goal for 1960 is four million. Tena felt right at home when the discussion centered around increasing enrollment, leader training and career exploration for older members. The presentation of the study of adolescent girls which was done for Girl Scouts by the Survey Research Center, Mich., was one of the highlights of the program. A second study is now under way.

INDIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Our Division participated in a significant national conference on American Indian Youth, November 25-26. The two-fold purpose was: (1) the exchange of ideas between Indian leaders, Indian youth, and non-Indians interested in the field of youth programs; and (2) the development and approval of additional programs to benefit the Indian young people. Fern Shipley, who represents the Division in 4-H work with Indian youth, participated in the conference.

LEADER TRAINING SHOWS SIGNIFICANT RESULTS

The 4-H Leader Training program, Getting the Most Out of Your Sewing Machine, shows excellent progress during the two years it has been in full swing. Local 4-H Club leaders, extension workers and club girls are reaping the benefits. Since October, 1955:

- 909 counties participated
- 6,685 training meetings were held
- 23,232 persons received training (adult leaders, junior leaders,
extension workers)
- 70,392 4-H Club members trained by leaders.

This training program should result in longer tenure of 4-H Club members in the clothing project, better use of equipment and higher quality of workmanship. It has pointed up a simpler step-by-step method of teaching which leaders can use with 4-H Club members.

4-H COOPERATION WITH AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION

A 4-H Kindred Group meeting is anticipated at the time of the American Camping Association meeting in Minneapolis, next February 4. Details of the program will be announced by a special committee.

INTER-ORGANIZATION MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The February 4-5 meeting will discuss career counseling in agriculture--another indication of extreme need and interest in the area. The Inter-Organization Committee is made up of national youth leaders of farm organizations, Government agencies working with youth, rural churches, and the American Institute of Cooperation.

NOMINEES FOR CITATIONS TO FRIENDS OF 4-H

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Reply Please A blank is enclosed for your convenience in sending in your nominees for citations to Friends-of-4-H Club Work to be given during National 4-H Conference. Please return these by January 14.

RECREATION LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENTS - 1958

The 4-H Recreation Program Development Committee has asked us, once again to assemble and distribute a list of the interstate training events in the recreation field. If you know of or participate in such an event, please indicate on the attached sheet.

✓ A
Reply
Please Dr. Evlon Niederfrank will cooperate with us in assembling the final list which will be sent to State 4-H Club Leaders and assistants and to Extension Recreation Specialists.

4-H ISSUE OF EXTENSION SERVICE REVIEW - (May 1958)

Again, we need your help in suggesting areas of emphasis for the May issue of the Extension Service Review. Also, we need your suggestions for persons and places where meaningful stories could be located. Remember, one of the purposes of this special issue is to serve as a teaching tool for local leader training and 4-H program planning.

Preliminary discussion here has pointed to: What do various family members want and need from 4-H Club work? (Why members join; what they get from 4-H at various stages of their development; what do parents want their children to get from 4-H; what is unique about 4-H; etc.)

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Reply
Please Please - will you give this important topic your thoughtful attention? Then use the sheet attached to this letter to send us the good ideas of your State staff. We would appreciate having your reply by December 20.

SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS BEING USED IN THE STATES

TRAINING FOR LEADERS AND AGENTS:

Kansas - Leader Training in Electric and Tractor Projects

October 22 to 24 were the dates of the annual electric and tractor training clinics for local 4-H Club leaders. Both clinic programs included laboratory sessions to give leaders an opportunity to work on tractors, electrical appliances and wiring systems.

The 4-H Club electric program changes from an activity to a project with the beginning of the new club year. A part of the electric clinic was discussion of the new printed material to be used by leaders and club members. Women leaders found sessions on household appliances and use of electricity in the home of special interest.

Louisiana - Adult Leader Training

Adult leaders of 4-H Clubs throughout Louisiana attended their annual Adult Volunteer Leaders Conference at Louisiana State University. The conference was designed to give adult leader training in methods of working with young people.

Virginia - Training for New Agents

Recently, a training conference for 40 new extension agents was held at VPI. In-service training programs for adults and youth phases of work are being planned for the entire State. W. E. Skelton, State 4-H Club Leader, is chairman of the State Extension Training Committee.

Virginia held a State training conference for adult 4-H volunteer leaders at Natural Bridge, Va., November 22-25.

Washington - Training for New Leaders

Five counties have listed special training for new volunteer 4-H leaders:

- Pierce County: One session held and another scheduled. Focus on "What is the Leader's Job."
- Clark County: A half-day training session included discussions and literature display.
- King County: Six experienced leaders each discussed a special topic.
- Ferry County: New leaders helped list their problems, then each item was discussed.
- Whatcom County: Plans for the meeting resulted from a questionnaire to all new leaders. Information presented included: The purpose of 4-H and Extension, smoothing the way to successful club work, keeping records, why demonstrations, judging exhibits and recreation, the importance of a club sponsor, and how a 4-H Club gains prestige. Project sessions followed.

YMW ACTIVITIES:

Regional Conferences - Two conferences were held this fall. The Five States YMW Conference at Jackson's Mill, W. Va., included West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, and Ohio. The New England YMW Conference at Swampscott, Mass., was another successful one. Both had high interest and participation by YMW and Extension personnel.

Wisconsin - "A New Look"

Bruce Cartter's title has been changed from Coordinator of Older Youth Extension Work to Associate Leader, YMW Work. Frank Campbell's title is now State 4-H and YMW Leader. The significant change is the plan to involve all Extension personnel (adult and youth) through a State YMW Committee made up of county agricultural, home demonstration, and 4-H Club agents; District Agents for Youth, Home Economics and Agriculture; and specialists in home economics and agriculture.

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROGRAM:

California - Idea Sheet

What-to-do ideas are suggested on a recent summary made available to 4-H Club members in California. An example of people-to-people interest in California is the baseball equipment sent to 4-H Clubs in Viet Nam.

Louisiana-Arkansas - Matching Youth Clubs for Mutual Help and Interest

A young Japanese fellow, who is interested in rice production at home, and who is an active leader in his village 4-H Club was interested in getting some help from 4-H Clubs in the United States, particularly one which had a rice project, record book, etc.

The word was passed along to Louisiana and Arkansas. Louisiana sent along a rice production manual and record book used in that State, and Arkansas is placing the Yoder-Prairieville 4-H Club of North Arkansas County in direct touch with the Japanese fellow.

Texas - Comprehensive Program

"People-to-People Partnership" is now an integral part of Texas 4-H programming as a result of action at the 1957 4-H Roundup meeting attended by 2,000 4-H members.

Here's what Texas will do:

- Feature it in 1957 State 4-H Club Leader's Report.
- Include it in 1958 Plan of Work.
- Stress it at planning conferences for district agents and leaders.
- Include it in State, district and county program planning.
- Highlight it at State Council Workshop and Junior Leadership Training.

Floyd Lynch and his staff have developed a complete report on this Roundup program and its implications.

IMPROVING 4-H METHODS:

Arkansas - Publications Have "New Look"

State 4-H publications will now show the use of additional color, line drawings and photographs, under a plan adopted in Arkansas. The materials are all to have direct, easy-to-understand style. All old publications will be replaced by new books by August of next year. The plan includes several workbooks for juniors (first one, on forestry, is announced in the publication list) plus three workbooks for senior members--one for girls' projects, one for boys' projects and one on personal development projects for both boys and girls.

Iowa - Program evaluation

The staff in Iowa are making effective use of a new mimeograph, "Analyzing and Evaluating a County 4-H Program."

Michigan - Testing New Teaching Procedures Using TV

The "4-H Electric TV Club" is currently being tested in Michigan. It looks promising that TV instruction can become a usable teaching procedure. Thirteen units have been developed. Each is 28 minutes in length. The series is available to any TV station for the benefit of 4-H members in its area. We are all watching the outcome.

Mississippi - "Increased Participation" Is the Keynote.

There has been an increase in the number of judging teams, demonstration contests, officers' and leaders' groups, 4-H Club leaders, attendance at the 4-H Club centers, and other phases of the work.

North Dakota - Material for Older 4-H

The "Clover Challenge Projects" were recently launched as a special appeal to senior 4-H members. They include: ABC's of County Government, Farm Family Business, Your Future Is What You Make It, and Highway Safety Responsibilities. Materials for the first two are now off the press.

Oregon - Slides for Loan to Clubs

Two sets of slides have been developed for each county for use as teaching materials by local 4-H Club leaders. One set is used to help teach the parts of an animal. For each type of livestock, there are two slides--one with the parts named and the other with them merely numbered. After using the first slide, the leader can show the second one to see if the members can identify the numbered parts by name. The second set, now in preparation, will be colored slides of forestry mounts made by 4-H Club members and exhibited at the State Fair.

Tennessee - Emphasis on Farm Business

The Agricultural Economics, Marketing, and 4-H Club staffs are working closely together developing "more emphasis toward economics in 4-H Club work." The economics staff is conducting a survey related specifically to the business side of 4-H. The survey is to establish the situation and then further plans are to be developed. Along with this survey every county has been sent a copy of the bulletin entitled, "Farm Family Business and 4-H Club Work."

Texas - Applying 4-H Studies

A good idea on making practical application of 4-H studies comes from Texas. Recently, with one of their monthly letters to Extension workers, a one-page digest was made on the Copp and Clark, Wisconsin Reenrollment Study. This brief digest was called, "Why Don't Members Reenroll?"

Wisconsin - HDA Council Surveys Ways to Help 4-H

The youth committee of the State Home Demonstration Council is proceeding with a survey in each county of one community or township where there is no 4-H organization at the present time. Homemaker members will conduct the survey and check results. The aim is to get facts concerning potential 4-H membership and also about necessary situations (meeting places, leadership availability, etc.) This is a supporting part of the second State-wide drive for membership in 4-H.

Wisconsin - Second in Community Series

Bruce Cartter has prepared a second set of colored slides and synchronized recordings in the popular "community series." It tells what many youth groups in Wisconsin are doing to make their community a better place in which to live. The new series has 47 colored slides telling of experiences from 24 counties. Voice recordings are by a panel of six young people.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

Connecticut - Educational Tour to New York City

Three girls from each county participated in a fall tour to New York City, visiting people and places connected with home economics and learning of many career opportunities in the field. The tour included visits to a magazine, a museum, pattern company, a fashion center, and a department store.

Georgia - School Time to Attend Fairs

The State Board of Education has issued a resolution that one day in each school year be given to allow pupils to visit any fair in the State giving premiums in agriculture, livestock, poultry, industry, and home economics, and in various planned educational contests. Class credit will be given to students attending such fairs.

Hawaii - Report of National 4-H Conference Delegates

A composite report of the four delegates to National Conference is issued in attractive form for all those who gave financial and other support to the program, as well as to active extension workers in the Territory. Each of the delegates told of the meaning of the experience to them. The 1957 report also included a summary of the National Conference delegates from the Territory since 1950.

Michigan - Home Improvement Tour

In recognition of good project work in home improvement, several Michigan 4-H members and their leaders spent two days in Grand Rapids. They saw furniture being made in a furniture factory, toured home furnishing departments in stores, saw contemporary showrooms and learned about the contributions of many famous persons who are designers or authors in the house furnishings field.

Missouri - 4-H Feeder Pig Sale

Young producers in an 8-county area of south Missouri offered nearly 1,000 feeder pigs to buyers at the second sale of its kind in the State. The sale was handled by 4-H members and leaders. Each county was assigned a job in the grading and selling operations. This event is significant in 4-H marketing activities.

Montana - Fire Prevention and Control School

This October event recognized 4-H members doing superior work in safety with emphasis on fire prevention and control. It also trains these 4-H members so they can return to their clubs and communities to lead in still more effective fire prevention and control.

North Carolina - New Type of Chain

A sweet potato chain is a new venture in North Carolina where they have already had success in poultry, dairy, pig and other chains. The climax in the sweet potato program came when the 4-H Club boys each brought five bushels, of top quality, in from the farm for sale. The money realized from the sale will be used to put other 4-H'ers into business.

Ohio - 40th Annual 4-H Club Congress

Delegates to Ohio's Congress had a vital citizenship experience when they shared in the process of learning how a bill becomes a law. The bill for their consideration was: "To authorize county commissioners to establish a rural zoning commission, to develop a county plan to zone rural lands, to provide the procedure for adoption of zoning regulations and their administration."

Oregon - 4-H Conference on State Government

A new educational feature of the Oregon 4-H Club program will be initiated March 7 and 8 when older 4-H Club members hold their first conference on government in Salem. Meeting theme is "Know Your State Government." The new activity is designed to help Oregon's 4-H Club members learn more about their own State. Another major purpose of the two-day session is to bring together candidates for trips to the National 4-H Conference next June in Wash. D. C.

Workshops for 4-H'ers and representatives of State government will be held during the conference. Each county will be represented by one boy and one girl, 16 or older. From this group, two young men and two young women will be selected for Washington trips.

West Virginia - Safety Theme

"Safety in Outdoor Living" continues as the State 4-H safety theme. Counties may choose one or more phases, under winter recreation or summer recreation, and work to make outdoor recreation a safer activity.

Wisconsin - Health Emphasis

The "Health 'H' for Happiness" will come in for emphasis in the 1958 4-H health program. A skit, a check list, and discussion outlines dealing with topics such as making friends, making decisions and being one's best self--are the tools which have been prepared to help leaders. Viola Hunt, Specialist in Child Development and Family Relationships, has prepared the material.

4-H CLUB FOUNDATIONS:

Oregon - 4-H Foundation

The new Oregon 4-H Foundation is successfully on the road. After an exploratory and discussion period, an outstanding group of adult citizens, who make up the Foundation group, are planning for ways to provide further opportunity to the Oregon membership.

Tennessee - 4-H Foundation Banker's Fund Drive

Commendations are due Tennessee bankers who participated in the recent 4-H Foundation Banker's Fund Drive. The State 4-H Foundation has taken the initiative in promoting the Banker's Fund Drive sponsored through the National 4-H Foundation. Last year, 62 banks participated and made a total contribution of \$1190. Because of this joint work relationship this year, 86 banks participated and made a contribution of \$1510.

ENCLOSED FOR YOUR USE

"Leads for Leaders - No. 4"

Michigan presents examples of six visualized presentations for agents to use in training leaders. The agents had requested the State staff to prepare such materials. Notice how staff members teamed up for the various assignments.

"Rural Development Program - Pilot Counties, Committee"

From time to time we have had comments from you on your interest in the rural development program and how the youth phases in the program can be supportive. We thought that you would be interested in the extent of this program and therefore we have enclosed a map of the pilot counties, as well as an outline on the general organization structure for rural development committees.

Job opportunities are of particular concern to youth in these rural development areas. Certainly "career exploration" needs to be emphasized in these rural development counties. Some basic economic facts support reasons why youth have expressed a great need for programs in career exploration in these low income areas.

1. Approximately 65 percent of rural boys and girls must leave the farm to get gainful employment.
2. We have an average yearly decrease of about 100,000 farms.
3. It takes a larger farm unit and more capital investment to start farming.
4. There has been a 12 percent increase in the number of boys and girls on farms - 1950-1960; also a 40 percent increase in the number of rural nonfarm boys and girls.

More career and job guidance is greatly needed in the educational programs of all youth but especially with youth in the rural development counties.

"Attitudes of Youth Toward Occupational Opportunities and Social Services in Cherokee County" (Texas)

We felt every State would be interested in this Experiment Station study and are indebted to Floyd Lynch for securing the necessary copies for distribution. This bulletin is especially appropriate in view of the current emphasis on career exploration.

"A Career in 4-H Club Work"

New York State's 4-H Club staff has prepared a very fine leaflet, "A Career in 4-H Club Work." A copy is enclosed. We think this is excellent for helping to recruit some good professional 4-H leadership that might be attracted to other interests by similar booklets for other careers. If we are going to help young people explore careers, let's help them explore Extension.

"A Report of the Potomac Grange Committee on Child Labor"

For the last several months, more attention has been directed to child labor standards and their relation to agriculture. Recently, our office has been participating in a committee on child labor which has been doing some research and exploration as a committee report for the National Grange. While you will be interested in the entire report, you will find on Page 8 some helpful recommendations along the line of "what to do."

"4-H Light Horse Projects"

Here is a long-awaited publication which was requested by the Livestock Program Development Committee. Note that it is a suggested publication for State localization and use. Congratulations to Charlie Bell and the fine committee who cooperated in the production of this manual.

"Survey of Collegiate and University 4-H Clubs"

John Banning has compiled the list of collegiate 4-H Clubs. He alerts us that all but six States have organized groups. After you have read the summary, we invite your further comments or suggestions.

"Report of the Committee Judging the 1957 National 4-H Awards Programs"

The Subcommittee has approved and authorized for distribution to you the enclosed report of the judging committee. The section on suggestions to the Subcommittee was accepted to be put into operation for 1958 judging. Also, please note the 12 points suggested to State 4-H Club Leaders regarding program entries and the specific comments about each awards program. Proposed committee personnel for 1958 is given on the final attachment.

NEW USDA PUBLICATIONS

"Improving 4-H Clubs" (PA 111) is the revision of a studies-summary leaflet that we have found useful. We trust you will find the current revision usable for both agent and leader training. Two others in the studies series, now being revised, will be available shortly.

"Annual Inventory of USDA Popular Publications Available on Order"

It is helpful to see a complete listing of popular publications and FES publications which may currently be ordered free, in quantity, by Cooperative Extension workers. The list, compiled by the Office of Information, USDA, has been sent to your State distribution officer.

SOME MAGAZINE ALERTS

Farm Journal

We have had some very happy reactions to the use of the cover of the August issue of Farm Journal as a "discussion stimulator" for programs reflecting some basic interests of older 4-H Club members. If you have not seen this cover, we recommend it to you as one that really tells a story, and the kind of story we like told.

Modern Miss

Fall-winter issue includes a feature story entitled, "Enthusiasm, How to Build It, How to Keep It." Fay Moeller, Family Life Specialist, and Katherine A. Tingley, Clothing Specialist, Conn., describe how the research project, "Girls from 9-13 - Their Clothing Abilities" can be applied equally well to beginners in school clothing as well as in 4-H Club work.

Today's Teens

Fall issue features the 4-H clothing achievements of Mercedes Santos, Puerto Rico.

Parent's Magazine

Did you know that Parent's Magazine sponsors an annual "Youth Group Achievement Award for community service. This is open to all youth groups. Several 4-H Clubs over the Nation received honorable mention this year. The September 1957 issue of Parent's Magazine tells a story that might be of interest to your 4-H Clubs.

TWO NEW BOOKS

"The World in Your Garden" - a new book published by National Geographic Society might interest leaders and members. It highlights an around-the-globe account of the origin of many of our familiar flowers and vegetables, which ties with our international interests. At the same time, it might bring stimulating study and discussion for clubs where members major in horticultural projects. This book is part of the Society's nonprofit educational and scientific program.

"Seventeen Book of Young Living" - is authored by Mrs. Enid A. Haupt, editor and publisher of Seventeen Magazine, and a 4-H citation winner of this year's National 4-H Conference. In her book, Mrs. Haupt deals with phases of everyday life that interest and perplex teenagers--from general etiquette to getting along with yourself, with girls, with boys, and becoming an adult.

NEW FILM STRIP:

"A Job for You in Agricultural Journalism" is a new color filmstrip made by USDA to encourage high school and first year college students to consider agricultural journalism as a career. Comprised largely of photos of agricultural journalists working in various fields, it points up the educational requirements and career opportunities.

Prints are available from Photo Lab., Inc., 3825 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Wash. 11, D. C., for \$4.50. Cardboard mounted slides (2x2) may be purchased for an additional 5 cents per frame, (50 slides).

MISCELLANEOUS:

"State Intentions to Print of Popular Publications," is a 54-page compilation mailed each State editor's office in late October, which you'll likely want to read if you haven't already. This was the first of a quarterly series, and provides helpful information on publication plans, printing, and distribution along the lines of all extension workers' special interests. You yourself may be particularly interested in the section on 4-H, pages 30 to 37.

NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS:

It's always good to welcome back old friends. An especially warm welcome is extended to Dorothea Holstein, who has now returned to part-time work in Nebraska. You will recall that Dorothea was injured in an automobile accident more than two years ago and that she has had a long series of operations and other convalescent experiences.

Another returning friend is L. S. Kurtz of New Mexico, who is back from a foreign assignment in Pakistan. Mr. Kurtz now has the title of Assistant Director but maintains his place at the helm of 4-H in his State.

New appointments to State 4-H positions include:

Connecticut - Miss Noreen Ray as Associate State 4-H Club Leader.
Noreen was formerly a county 4-H Club agent at Portland, Me.

Idaho - Donald R. Mitchell - new appointee to the State 4-H staff, was an IFYE delegate in 1950. His experiences also include being an international volunteer worker in Iraq. (Mrs. Mitchell, a former New York 4-H member, was a home economist in Iraq.)

Illinois - Fred L. Haegele and George L. Daigh, two new appointees, as Extension Specialist, 4-H Club Work.

Kansas - Miss Arliss Honstead, Assistant State 4-H Club Leader, who was formerly HDA in Cowley County, Kans. Earlier, Kansas announced Betty C. Overley's appointment as Assistant State Club Leader.

- Kentucky - Fred Brockman, newly-appointed as Extension Supervisor in Young Adult Work, formerly area agent in farm and home development.
- New Hampshire - Robert A. Stevens, recently appointed as Assistant State 4-H Club Leader, formerly had title of Specialist in Older Youth Work.
- New York - Eleanor Anne Zehner, now a 4-H Club Specialist in Clothing for the State of New York.
- Oklahoma - Ray A. Parker, now Assistant State 4-H Leader, was formerly county agent in Ellis County.
- Virginia - Aubrey R. Slayton, newly appointed Assistant State 4-H Club Agent, moves from Roanoke County where he was assistant county agent.

Miss Rosemary Conzemius has resigned her position in Connecticut. She has enrolled at the University of Michigan where she will study for a doctorate. She was honored with a scholarship award, one of four of its type in the Nation.

Lyndell Peterson, State 4-H Club Agent, stationed at Rapid City, S. Dak., has resigned his position to become county agent for Harding County with headquarters at Buffalo.

Harold K. Anderson, District 4-H Leader in Minnesota, has resigned to accept employment with a cooperative.

Glen Marders of California has a new assignment. His title is now Assistant State Leader, Administrative Research.

Mrs. Betty R. Kilpatrick is the new name for Betty Sue Rockett of Louisiana. She will continue as a member of the State staff. Sally Newell of Kentucky is also a recent bride and has resigned her position on the State 4-H staff. Minnesota tells us that Sylvia Gerhardson is now Mrs. Sylvia G. Walker.

Lynn L. Pesson, Associate State Club Agent of Louisiana, is another staff member on study leave at Wisconsin at the National Extension Center. Lynn, who was a National 4-H Fellow in 1953-54, is working toward a Ph.D.

Harley V. Leland, Assistant State 4-H Leader in Massachusetts, has recently retired after a distinguished career of 36 years in 4-H work. He was honored by his State when his retirement became official. Some traveling is planned by the Lelands in the period ahead, as well as home gardening, sheep raising, and plenty of time devoted to his favorite hobby--raising gladiolus.

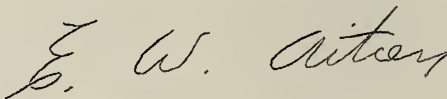
Paul L. Maloney of Nevada has also retired after long years of service to 4-H. We understand the Maloneys have moved from Reno but we do not yet know of their specific plans.

IN CLOSING

As you know, a dozen State staff members and representatives of this office were in Chicago recently for the judging assignment. All through this busy week, they were impressed as they read the heartfelt expressions about the meaning of 4-H in the lives of young people, as related by the members, and also as commented by the leaders and parents. Our letter, this time, closes with a quote from a long-time local 4-H Club leader of Utah, who said:

"4-H Club work has little value if it is just a matter of awards and reports. It is only when the work that these awards represent is translated into terms of home and family and community that the 4-H program becomes alive."

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. W. Aiton".

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